

THE TALE OF A BIG WHALE.

HOW A PLUCKY CAPTAIN LOST A VALUABLE PRIZE.

A MARINE CURIOSITY AT ANCHOR OFF CLIFTON.

S. I.—THE CHARLES H. HODGSON COMES TO PORT FOR REPAIRS.

She was not much to look at. Just an ordinary whaling schooner from New-Bedford. Fifty years ago she would have attracted little attention, but in these days a whaler is not often seen in the harbor of New-York.

For over a year the Charles H. Hodgson had sailed the seas in search of whales, and had it not been for bad luck and squalls she would instead of patrolling the Hatteras cruising grounds instead of lying off Clifton for repairs.

It was in latitude 31 and longitude 72.9. Early that morning the man at the masthead saw a big black whale well out of the water and sending up a bubbling fountain of spray.

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THE ADMIRAL'S FATAL ORDER.

IT PUT ALL THE BATTLESHIPS IN DANGER.

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THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE.

VERDICT IN THE AVONDALE ACCIDENT.

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AN EXTRA SESSION AT LAST.

CONGRESS TO MEET AUGUST 7.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND TAKES DECISIVE ACTION ON THE SILVER QUESTION.

HE URGES THE REPEAL OF THE ACT OF 1890.

A SUDDEN CHANGE OF ATTITUDE BY THE ADMINISTRATION—THE PRESSURE FROM THE SIDES TOO GREAT TO BE WITHSTOOD.

THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN CONTROL HIS TEAM OF WILD HORSES—MR. CRISP'S CHANCES OF RE-ELECTION TO THE SPEAKERSHIP INJURED—VIEWS OF PUBLIC MEN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, June 30.—The pressure brought to bear upon the President from all quarters to call Congress together immediately has borne fruit at last, and this evening the following proclamation was issued:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., June 30, 1893.

"Whereas, the distrust and apprehension concerning the financial situation which pervade all business circles have already caused great loss and damage to our people and threaten to cripple our merchants, stop the wheels of our manufactures, bring distress and privation to our farmers and withhold from our workmen the wage of labor;

"And, whereas, the present perilous condition is largely the result of a financial policy which the Executive branch of the Government has embodied in unwise laws which must be executed until repealed by Congress;

"Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, in performance of a constitutional duty, do by this proclamation declare that an extraordinary session of the Congress of the United States at the City of Washington on the 7th day of August next at 12 o'clock noon, to the end that the people may be relieved through legislation from present and impending danger and distress.

"All those entitled to act as members of the L.H.H. Congress are required to take notice of this proclamation and attend at the time and place above stated.

"Given under my hand and seal of the United States at the City of Washington on the thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1893, and of the Independence of the United States the 107th.

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Up to within forty-eight hours the President is said to have been decidedly opposed to a mid-summer session of Congress; but the appeals and petitions which have kept pouring in upon him for the last two days were too numerous and too significant to be ignored. They came from Chambers of Commerce, from Boards of Trade, from banks and bankers, from merchants and manufacturers, from public men and men in private life; and they were not confined to any particular locality or section of country. They were received from the East and the West, and from money centres as widely apart as New-York, Chicago and San Francisco. Such a universal demand for prompt action on the part of the Executive could not be ignored.

The President, after consulting yesterday with each member of the Cabinet singly, drew up the proclamation which was submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet today and received its approval. The President's reluctance to take this step sooner than he did is frankly explained by his friends on the ground that he was unable to count upon the members of his party in Congress to vote for an unconditional repeal of the Sherman act. How far the events of the last few days have contributed toward convincing him of his ability to force a repeal through both Houses it is impossible to say. Those in a position to know what passes in the minds of the Executive and his advisers cautiously hint that everything is uncertain as yet. Administration "testers," on the other hand, proclaim loudly that the Sherman act is doomed.

IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME.

It is impossible to predict the outcome, however. One thing alone is sure—that the action of the President, late as it comes, meets the hearty approval of all thinking men. The silver fanatics have not yet recovered from the blow within the last few days, the action of the Indian Government in closing its mints to private coining and the shutting down of scores of silver mines in the West have given them. Puerile cries of "conspiracy," raised by Messrs. Bland and Warner, have passed almost unnoticed, while the feeble explanations furnished by Senators Teller and Stewart scarcely raise a ripple of laughter. Mr. Newlands, of Colorado, the only silver man of prominence at present in Washington, with quiet modesty confesses that he is unable to say "where he is at," or what will come next. He, for one, is at sea, though he vociferously continues to shout that the Sherman act will never be repealed unless absolute free coinage is to take its place. But even he has not counted noses, and what he says must be put down as "wind," to some extent.

The comparative suddenness with which the President decided to call the extra session of Congress is illustrated by an interview with Secretary Morton which appeared only a day or two ago, in which the Secretary intimated that the men who are now insisting upon an immediate meeting of Congress were the very men through whom the country had been brought to its present financial straits. He also said that these men, having reached the end of their rope in a speculative direction, were now imploring the Government for relief in order that they might be enabled to resume their speculative transactions. Secretary Morton has, on more than one occasion lately, acted as the mouthpiece of the President, and it is not too much to assume that in giving expression to these sentiments he voiced the views of Mr. Cleveland. This being the case it shows that the President had no idea forty-eight hours ago that he would so soon be confronted with the crisis which he faced today. He may, of course, have thought that the situation was not so fraught with danger. But if he did he could not have been unaware of the general stringency of the failures and of the universal distrust. The speculators who in his opinion had been occupying only one day and District Attorney Quibb was so nearly sick in his final address